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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the application by the examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 20 are in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 11 are independent claims. The remaining claims are dependent claims and depend directly or indirectly from the independent claims. Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 11 and 14.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by Urban et al. (pub. No.: US 2004/0208302). Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's assertions.

Examiner asserts that Urban teaches a method for enhanced telephone caller identification wherein the caller supplies information related to the call.

Applicants' present invention provides a method and system to enable a caller to send additional information along with the caller identification information (telephone number) to a telephone receiver at the same time the caller makes the call. This additional information better informs the recipient of the identity of the caller and the nature of the call. This information allows the receiver to decide whether or not to answer the telephone call.

Urban described Methods, systems, and apparatuses for caller identification messaging. According to Urban, a calling party uses a Caller ID Messaging Device that supplants the incoming calling line identification (ICLID) signal with a Caller ID Messaging Signal and transmits the Caller ID Messaging Signal to a destination communications address. An alternate embodiment provides that the calling party may use a conventional telephone to access a communications network, activate Caller ID Messaging Services, compose or retrieve a stored Caller ID Message of the Caller ID Messaging Signal, and transmit the Caller ID Messaging Signal to the destination communications address. The Caller ID Message and Caller ID Messaging Signal may include text, video, voice, and/or digital data.

Applicants' present invention uses the conventional calling line identification signal to supply additional information about the calling party. As described, Urban

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supplants the conventional calling line identification signal with a Caller ID Messaging Signal. Further, with Applicants' present invention has the additional information as part of the calling identification message and not a separately transmitted message. Applicants do submit that Urban identifies and attempts to solve a similar problem to Applicants' present invention. However, Applicants submit that the composition of the messages and the method for transmitting the messages is distinct.

In order to sustain a novelty rejection, each element of the claimed invention must be described in the cited reference. Contrary to the examiner's statement that all elements are disclosed in the cited reference, the elements (steps) of: determining whether caller has supplied information related to the call in addition to telephone number; detecting whether the caller has indicated additional information is submitted with the call; and displaying the additional information supplied by the caller at the destination or location of the call along with a number of the origination of the call are not, so the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn. The paragraphs in Urban [0042-0044, and 0046] cited by the examiner do not specifically describe the steps implemented in Applicants' present invention to display the caller identification and additional information.

In view of the above explanations, Applicants assert that the rejections presented by the examiner should be withdrawn. Applicants further submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

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